

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A hair warming tool of sheet form having at least one heating part in the center thereof and a margin around said heating part, which is designed to wrap tied hair in said heating part and to be held in place to keep the wrapping state by fastening said margin by means of a fastening means such as an elastic band, a string or a wire,

wherein the heating part includes a heat generating material which contains iron powder and generates heat on contact with air, and

wherein the hair warming tool includes an outermost base sheet adapted to contact said tied hair when in the wrapping state, said outermost base sheet comprising a water resistant material, said outermost base sheet being non-removably attached to said hair warming tool.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): A hair warming tool according to claim 1, which has a plurality of heating parts in which said tied hair is wrappable.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): A hair treating method which comprises:
activating at least one heating part of a hair warming tool of sheet form including an outermost base sheet comprising a water resistant material, said heating part including a heat generating material;

wrapping tied hair with said hair warming tool, the tool wrapped around the hair with the outermost base sheet facing and contacting the hair while leaving at least a part of the hair near roots unwrapped.

Claim 4 (Original): The hair treating method according to claim 3, which further comprises applying a hair treatment preparation containing at least one oiliness compound to the hair to be wrapped.

Claim 5 (Original): The hair treating method according to claim 4, wherein said hair treatment preparation further contains an organic acid.

Claim 6 (Original): The hair treating method according to claim 3, which further comprises applying a hair treatment preparation having a pH of 2 to 4.5 to the hair to be wrapped.

Claim 7 (Original): The hair treating method according to claim 4, wherein said hair treatment preparation has an emulsified state that is broken at 55 to 60°C.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A hair warmer, comprising:
a sheet including an outermost base sheet adapted to contact hair when wrapped, the outermost base sheet comprising water resistant material, the sheet further including a heating part configured to be wrapped around at least a portion of hair so that the heating part contacts the at least a portion of hair, said outermost base sheet being non-removably attached to said hair warming tool,

the heating part including a gas-permeable sheet at least partially covering a heating element disposed between the gas-permeable sheet and the base sheet such that the heating element is exposed to outside air.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The hair warmer according to Claim 1, wherein the heating part includes a plurality of heating parts.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A method for treating hair, comprising:
obtaining a portion of hair;
activating a heat generating portion of a hair warmer;
wrapping the portion of hair in said hair warmer including an outermost base sheet comprising a water resistant material, the outermost base sheet facing and contacting the portion of hair as the portion of hair is wrapped with the hair warmer,
wherein the activating includes exposing a heat generating material to air through a gas-permeable sheet.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): ~~The method according to Claim 10, further comprising~~ A method for treating hair, comprising:
obtaining a portion of hair;
activating a heat generating portion of a hair warmer;
wrapping the portion of hair in said hair warmer including an outermost base sheet comprising a water resistant material, the outermost base sheet facing and contacting the portion of hair as the portion of hair is wrapped with the hair warmer; and
applying an oiliness compound to the portion of hair before the wrapping.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 11, wherein the oiliness compound has an emulsified state that is broken between about 55°C and about 60°C.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 11, wherein the oiliness compound includes an organic acid.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): ~~The method according to Claim 10, further comprising~~ A method for treating hair, comprising:
obtaining a portion of hair;
activating a heat generating portion of a hair warmer;
wrapping the portion of hair in said hair warmer including an outermost base sheet comprising a water resistant material, the outermost base sheet facing and contacting the portion of hair as the portion of hair is wrapped with the hair warmer; and
applying a composition having a pH between about 2 and about 4.5 to the portion of hair before the wrapping.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The hair warming tool according to Claim 1, wherein the heat generating material is a composition comprising approximately 40 to approximately 60% iron powder, approximately 1.0 to approximately 3.0% sodium chloride, approximately 1.0 to approximately 5.0% activated carbon, approximately 3.0 to approximately 5.0% a water-absorbent polymer, and approximately 3.0 to approximately 10.0% vermiculite.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The hair warming tool according to Claim 1, wherein the heat generating material is used in an amount of approximately 0.05 to approximately 0.3 g per cm² of the heating part.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The hair warming tool according to Claim 1, wherein a distance from an edge of the hair warming tool to the nearest heating part is approximately 3 to approximately 15 cm over a periphery of the hair warming tool.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The hair warming tool according to Claim 1, wherein the water resistant material includes at least one of a synthetic resin, paper, metal and a non-woven fabric.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The hair treating method according to Claim 3, wherein the water resistant material includes at least one of a synthetic resin, paper, metal and a non-woven fabric.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The hair warmer according to Claim 8, wherein the water resistant material includes at least one of a synthetic resin, paper, metal and a non-woven fabric.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The method according to Claim 10, wherein the water resistant material includes at least one of a synthetic resin, paper, metal and a non-woven fabric.